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CDC FOR DR. EUGENE GANGAROSA FROM DR. JOSEPH MC CORMICK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF DR. MC CORMICK - MENINGITIS EXPERT

1. I FEEL DATA GIVEN TO YOU BY PHONE ARE VERY SOLID. HOWEVER, PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA COLLECTION FOR SAO PAULO STATE SECRETARIAT FEELS THEY ARE WORTHLESS - BUT HE HAS NO OTHER DATA OF ANY KIND. HE IS NOT AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST NOR A PHYSICIAN (A STATISTICIAN). HAVE PRESENTED MY CASE TO OTHER EPIDEMIOLOGISTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINISTRY, AND HAVE MADE MY RECOMMENDATION - FEEL I CAN DO LITTLE MORE THAN THAT ALONG THIS LINE.

2. HOPE FOR CLEARANCE FOR VACCINE TRIAL SOON (WITHIN 24 HOURS). IF SO WILL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS I KNOW TELEGRAM HAS GONE TO PAHO IN WASHINGTON.

3. THE PROPOSAL TO SEND A PERSON UNDER CDC AND STATE DEPARTMENT AUSPICES FOR ASSESSING THE MENINGOCOCCAL CARRIER STATUS OF THE AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN CONSULATE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAO PAULO. THE POSSIBILITY OF CULTURING A SAMPLE OF THE NON-OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY RAISES ANOTHER

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DIMENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND IT IS

VERY UNLIKELY SUCH A SAMPLE COULD BE TAKEN. THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CONSULATE EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES IS:

A. AMERICAN (INCLUDING FAMILIES) 60 - 70 PERSONS

B. BRAZILIAN (INCLUDING FAMILIES) 150 - 200 PERSONS

THE PERSON DOING THE STUDY WOULD BE CATHERINE PHILLIPS. SHE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO DO A CARRIER STUDY IN BRASILIA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOLFO LUTZ ASSUMING THE CONTINUED INTEREST AND CO-OPERATION OF THE SAO PAULO HEALTH AUTHORITIES.

4. WILL CALL FRIDAY TO DISCUSS DETAILS.

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